

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners:                   Dwight D. Keen, Chair  
  Shari Feist Albrecht  
  Susan K. Duffy

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing to Change the            )  
Name of Kansas City Power & Light Company            ) Docket No. 20-KCPE-122-CCN  
To Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Kansas Metro.    )

**ORDER APPROVING NAME CHANGE**

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and determination. Having examined its files and record, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. On September 9, 2019, Kansas City Power and Light Company filed a letter Application requesting authority to change its name as set forth in its tariffs and the records of the Commission to Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Kansas Metro (Evergy Metro). Great Plains Energy Incorporated (Great Plains), Kansas City Power and Light Company (KCP&L) and Westar Energy, Inc. (Westar) were allowed to merge their operations in an Order Approving Merger issued on May 24, 2018 in Docket No. 18-KCPE-095-MER. The merger closed on June 4, 2018. Great Plains became the holding company with the subsidiary utility operations of KCP&L, Westar and Kansas Gas and Electric Company. Great Plains changed its name to Evergy, Inc. Evergy, Inc. is a Missouri For Profit Corporation and is *Active and in Good Standing* with the Kansas Secretary of State's Office. The purpose of the Application is to recognize Evergy Metro as the new name for KCP&L.

2. The Commission derives its authority to supervise electric public utilities from K.S.A. 66-101b. Regarding the request for a company name change, the Commission, in

accordance with K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 66-131 and K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 66-136, must determine whether the proposed change will promote the public convenience.

3. In conjunction with the letter Application, KCP&L submitted a new Adoption tariff that proposes to have Evergy Metro incorporate all of KCP&L's tariffs, schedules and rules and regulations under the new corporate name. K.S.A. 66-101c requires that every electric public utility doing business in Kansas shall:

... publish and file with the commission copies of all schedules of rates and shall furnish the commission copies of all rules and regulations and contracts between electric public utilities pertaining to any and all jurisdictional services to be rendered by such electric public utilities.

The Commission derives its authority to review the Adoption tariff from K.S.A. 66-117(d), which states in part:

Except as provided in subsection (c), no change shall be made in any rate, toll, charge, classification or schedule of charges or joint rates, or in any rule or regulation or practice pertaining to the service or rates of any such public utility or common carrier, without the consent of the commission.

4. The Commission finds that Evergy Metro is a Missouri For Profit Corporation and its current status with the Kansas Secretary of State is *Active and in Good Standing*. The records of the Secretary of State indicate that Evergy Metro, Inc. is the registered name for the entity previously known as KCP&L. KCP&L was formed on November 11, 1919, and has been authorized to conduct the business of a public utility in Kansas for many years as provided under K.S.A 66-104. The Commission determines that the requested name change to Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Kansas Metro under the KCP&L Certificates of Convenience and Authority to provide electric public utility service will promote the public convenience and should be approved. As part of the approval process, the Commission directs Evergy Metro to notify it regarding any change in address or contact telephone numbers, file timely annual reports, maintain current

registration with the Kansas Secretary of State's office and pay all Commission assessments in a timely manner.

5. Rather than refiling all of its tariffs under the new corporate name, KCP&L has filed an Adoption tariff, which proposes to have Evergy Metro adopt, ratify and make its own in every respect "all tariffs, schedules, and rules and regulations of Kansas City Power & Light Company." Given the magnitude of the process for changing all tariff schedules, the Commission finds that this Adoption tariff should be approved on a provisional basis to facilitate ongoing operations under the new corporate name. However, in conjunction with past practice, the Commission finds that Evergy Metro shall file replacement tariffs, rate schedules, contract amendments or other instruments with the new corporate name within six months of the issuance of this Order. Accordingly, the Adoption tariff shall be approved in conjunction with the issuance of this Order and the condition to file superseding tariffs, rate schedules, contract amendments or other instruments within six months. All new and original filings will also designate Evergy Metro as the corporate entity making the submission.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:**

A. The Kansas City Power and Light Company Application filed in this matter on September 9, 2019, is hereby granted with respect to the name change of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Kansas Metro under its Certificates of Convenience and Authority.

B. The Adoption tariff is approved on a provisional basis and Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Kansas Metro is ordered to file replacement tariffs, rate schedules, contract amendments or other instruments with the new corporate name within six months of the issuance of this Order. All new and original filings shall designate Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Kansas Metro as the corporate entity of record.

C. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529 (a) (1).<sup>1</sup>

D. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties for the purpose of entering such further order, or orders, as it may deem necessary.

**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Keen, Chair; Albrecht, Commissioner; Duffy, Commissioner

Dated: 10/08/2019



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Lynn M. Retz  
Executive Director

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<sup>1</sup> K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503 (c) and K.S.A. 77-531(b).

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following by means of  
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